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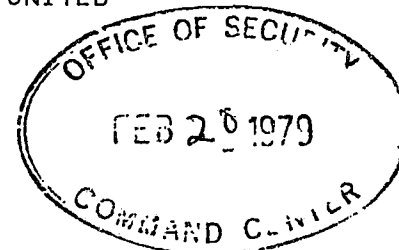
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SUBJECT: DRA EMBASSY RELEASE RE AMBASSADOR DUBS

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DRA NEWS
RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 15:
2. QUOTE YESTERDAY MORNING HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBS,
US AMBASSADOR TO KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, WAS ON ROUTE FROM HIS
RESIDENCE TO THE US EMBASSY, WAS STOPPED BY TERRORISTS
DRESSED AS TRAFFIC POLICEMEN. THE TERRORISTS FORCED
HIS DRIVER TO THE KABUL HOTEL.
3. SECURITY FORCES TRIED THEIR BEST TO RELEASE AMBASSA-
DOR DUBS FROM THE TERRORISTS. THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED
THE RELEASE OF BAHRUDIN BAHES, IN TEN MINUTES OR THEY
WOULD KILL AMBASSADOR DUBS. BAHRUDIN BAHES RESIDENCE
WAS UNKNOWN, AND WAS NOT IN AFGHANISTAN.
4. WHEN THE TERRORISTS GAVE THEIR LAST WARNING,
RESPONSIBLE SECURITY FORCES PLANNED THE NECESSARY
ACTIONS TO RESCUE AMBASSADOR DUBS. THE FOUR TERRORISTS
SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AMBASSADOR DUBS. THE TERROR-
ISTS WERE THEN KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. AMBASSADOR
DUBS WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HOSPITAL IN
KABUL WHERE HE DIED.
5. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN WAS STRONGLY SADDENED OF
THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER, SENT
HIS CONDOLENCES TO HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HAFIZULLAH AMIN, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT
HIS CONDOLENCES TO HIS EXCELLENCY CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY
OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
6. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN BELIEVES THAT THIS
INCIDENT IS THE ACTION OF THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF
AFGHANISTAN, AND THE ENEMY OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES. UNQUOTE. VANCE



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